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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Choong-Chin Liew  
Serial No.: 10/813,097  
Filed: March 30, 2004  
Titled: Method for the Detection of Chagas  
Disease Related Gene Transcripts in  
Blood

Examiner: Juliet Switzer

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Dated: October 6, 2008

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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Amendment and Reply After-Final

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Reply are being filed in response to the final office action mailed

April 23, 2008.

DO NOT ENTER: /JCS/

10/17/2008

A three month extension of time to respond to the office action is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this After-final response and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 2055K(204231).

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on **page 4** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 8** of this paper. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.